

Abingdon Community Council Meeting  
February 27, 2012

There were 7 members (Susan Cook, C. David Copenhaver, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Earl Grey, Carlin Cook, Michael Galumbeck, and new member Gregory Beaty) and 14 guests in attendance including: Lt. Daugherty (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Joe Woods (Harford County Council), and Dion Guthrie (Harford County Council)

**The next meeting will be March 26, 2012 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library. The May meeting will be cancelled.**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- The scheduled presentation by a representative for the Center for the Arts was postponed.
- Lt. Daugherty - Community Policing
  - Crime statistics for robbery, burglary, and motor vehicle theft for the past month remained relatively the same.
  - The new Southern District building will soon be complete. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for Friday, March 30.
  - If you see something suspicious, call 911. It's better to be safe than sorry.
  - Council members had 3 comments/concerns
    - Kudos to the Sheriff's Office for the well attended Town Hall Meeting held at the Abingdon Library in February!
    - Two incidents at the corner of Singer Road and Tollgate (car causing property damage and vandalism of a fence) were reported. Member was looking for feedback.
    - Concern about the speed that cars are moving while crossing the new Rt. 24 bridge.
- Council member Earl Grey announced that he has been working on the Abingdon Community Council Facebook page format.
- Council member David Copenhaver distributed the latest eBlast and gave a few updates.
  - Laurel Bush Estates (a 129 home community) has been approved for the land at the corner of Laurel Bush and Hookers Mill Roads (see map in eBlast packet).
  - Construction to extend Cedar Lane will resume around March 1, with completion targeted for some time in April. The county plans to install roundabouts in the Cedar Day community to assist with traffic speed.
  - JC Penny at The Boulevard at Box Hill has started construction.
  - Abingdon Councilmanic district map was included in eBlast packet. Councilman Guthrie brought a large map also.
- Open Forum Discussions:
  - Concern with road markings on Abingdon Road at the corner of Rt. 924 (in front of 7 Eleven). It appears to be 3 lanes for traffic – one for left turns onto Rt. 924 S, one to go straight across to Singer Road, and one for right turns onto Rt. 924 N, however the markings on the road do not clearly define the right turn lane. **Because all intersections are controlled by the state, David Copenhaver will contact John Vananzo (State Highway Transportation Engineer) about this concern.**
  - Council member Michael Galumbeck expressed concern about the sparse turn out for the ACC monthly meetings. Although the Council already reaches out to the community through numerous ways, the Council will explore other options.
- Joe Woods – Harford County Council ([jmwoods@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:jmwoods@harfordcountymd.gov))
  - Briefly discussed the Amendments he has introduced to be included in The Master Plan – Protection of the watershed areas, ground water protection, prevention of development on natural resource districts.
  - County Council meeting on March 6 will be to vote on The Master Plan.
  - Councilman Woods is concerned about the fact that the property being discussed as the location for The Center for the Arts is not owned by Harford County.

Dion Guthrie – Harford County Council ([dfguthrie@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:dfguthrie@harfordcountymd.gov))

- Announced that the Crossroad Community Church will probably be built on Rt. 136/Calvary Road, but that the housing development will not be built because it is not within the Development Envelope.
- Expressed concerns about Governor O'Malley trying to shift a large portion of teachers' pension cost to local governments. Councilman Guthrie introduced a Press Release where Harford County Officials joined numerous others to oppose the governor's proposal.

- Announcements/Questions from the Community Council
  - Cynthia Hergenbahn will give updates next month on “Journey Stories”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm by Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver